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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

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IN RE:

CASE NO. 22-59731-PMB

GLENN JEFFREY DACRUZ,

Debtor.

**CHAPTER 7** 

JENNIFER R. DACRUZ,

Movant,

VS.

GLENN JEFFREY DACRUZ,

S. GREGORY HAYS, Trustee

Respondents.

CONTESTED MATTER

### EMERGENCY MOTION TO COMPEL ABANDONMENT OF PROPERTY

COME NOW, Jennifer R. DaCruz, ("Movant") and files this *Emergency Motion to Compel Abandonment of Property* ("Motion"). An emergency motion is being requested due to a recently scheduled final hearing with the Movant and Glenn J. DaCruz, ("Debtor") on November 9, 2023 in Gwinnett County Superior Court. The Movant is a creditor and party in interest in this requested bankruptcy motion and is entitled to file this *Emergency Motion to Compel Abandonment of Property* under § 554(b), pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 6007(b). See, e.g., Wissman v. Pittsburgh Nat. Bank, 942 F. 2d 867, 873 (4th Cir. 1991).

The referenced property is jointly owned by the Debtor and the Movant who are legally married and have a pending divorce case. The real property is located at 3679 Seton Hall Way in Decatur, GA, ("Property"). *The Assignment of the Security Deed* is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.

Jennifer R. DaCruz moves this Court, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 554(b) and/or Rule 6007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, deem the Property abandoned by the Court and/or compel the Chapter 7 Trustee to abandon the Property. In further support of this Motion, Movant respectfully states:

### **JURISDICTION**

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334(b). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

### **BANKRUPTCY**

- 2. A petition under Chapter 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code was filed with respect to the Debtor(s) on December 1, 2022. An order converting the Chapter 13 case to a case under Chapter 7 was entered on February 9, 2023. S. Gregory Hays, ("Trustee") was appointed Chapter 7 Trustee. The Chapter 7 case was discharged on 10/06/2023.
- 3. The Debtor included the Property within his bankruptcy petition. On bankruptcy *Schedule A/B: Property* (attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**), he listed the value of the Property as \$246,500 and his portion of the value as \$123,250.
- 4. The Trustee filed an *Individual Estate Property Record and Report Asset Case* form on 07/31/2023, (attached hereto as **Exhibit** "C"). The value of the Debtor's interest in the Property

is valued as \$123,250 and the estimated net value as determined by the Trustee less liens, exemptions and other costs is \$42,990. The Trustee has not provided an estimate of costs of sale and a detailed calculation of the estimated net value which includes, but not limited to, the cost of the administration of the case including the Trustee and the Trustee's attorney fees. Per the *Trustee's Application for appointment of Attorneys*, the hourly rate for the Trustee's attorney, Michael J. Bargar, is \$535 per hour. The attorney was approved on 04/17/2023.

- 5. The Movant believes that the Trustee's estimated net value is inaccurate and the actual estimated net value is less than \$16,000. On the *Trustee's Application for appointment of Attorneys* filed 04/15/2023, (attached hereto as **Exhibit "D"**)., it was noted that the unencumbered, non-exempt value of the Property after estimated costs of sale is \$38,000 which is inconsistent and lower than the amount reported on 07/31/2023.
- 6. The Movant resides in the Property with her son who is also the only known child of the Debtor.
- 7. The Movant seeks to remain in the Property and does not want it to be sold.
- 8. The Movant is a creditor for child support and other domestic support obligations. She filed an *Amended Proof of Claim*, (attached hereto as **Exhibit** "E"), on 09/12/2023 for \$39,212.15.
- 9. The Movant is entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a). The Debtor's priority claims are \$61,133.75 and total claims are \$207,559.82 (attached hereto as **Exhibit "H"**).. The Debtor owes the Movant the most in priority claims due to domestic support obligations.

Amount
\$39,212.15
\$20,780.52
\$1,141.08
\$61,133.75

- 10. Gwinnett County Superior Court granted the Movant a *Temporary Exclusive Use and Occupancy of the Marital Residence Order* on 11/03/2021 which is still active.
- 11. On the Trustee's *Individual Estate Property Record and Report Asset Case* form, his projected date of final report is 12/31/2025 and he intends to administer excess proceeds from foreclosure of the real property. The Chapter 7 bankruptcy has already delayed the divorce proceedings and a lengthy asset administration time period would continue to disproportionately affect the Movant.
- 12. The Movant pays the first mortgage and it is not subject to foreclosure.
- 13. The second mortgage solely belongs to the Debtor and the Debtor has not paid his debt to the Bank of New York Mellon. The Bank of New York Mellon filed an *Amended Motion for Relief* from Stay on 03/10/23 and withdrew it on 08/16/2023. The *Amended Notice of Withdrawal* is attached as **Exhibit** "F".
- 14. The Movant has contacted the second mortgage company, Bank of New York Mellon, and/or their representatives about resolving the outstanding payment issue on multiple occasions. Even though the debt doesn't belong to her, the Movant is seeking a solution to the problem. The

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Movant was told that she will have to wait until the loan was out of bankruptcy to try to work out something for the second mortgage. The email correspondence is provided as **Exhibit** "G".

15. During the 10/30/2023 hearing on the Movant's *Emergency Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay*, the Trustee's Attorney Bargar stated that it may make no sense to administer the asset since the Movant doesn't want the property administered and has a DSO super priority claim. He will talk to the Chapter 7 Trustee. They may just get out of the way.

16. The *Individual Estate Property Record and Report Asset Case* form shows a claim for Full Disgorgement pursuant to 11 USC §§ 330, 331, and Fed.R.Bankr.P. 9019(a) and 2002(a)(3) valued at \$0. This disgorgement claim belongs to the law firm, Daniels and Taylor, P.C. in Lawrenceville, GA. The value is at least \$20,230, not \$0 as indicated. Please reference the payment table below which shoes the payment dates and amount made by the Debtor to the law firm. While under active bankruptcy for Case # 17–69818–Irc, the Debtor paid the law firm for the services of Eugenia Wallace and her team without the approval of the bankruptcy court. If the Debtor provided payment receipts and/or invoices to the Trustee, the Chapter 7 Trustee would have more information to determine the actual amount. Furthermore, the law firm violated the automatic stay by placing a lien against the property of the estate in February 2022. Although there is legal basis, the law firm has not been sanctioned, fined, disgorged, or held accountable for their actions yet. The Chapter 13 and Chapter 7 Trustees have been clearly aware of the inappropriate actions of the Debtor and Eugenia Wallace of Daniels and Taylor, P.C.

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	Payment Date	Pag	e <sub>A6</sub> of 36	
	5/17/2022	\$	1,850	
	4/14/2022	\$	2,500	
	1/21/2022	\$	1,590	
	1/4/2022	\$	925	
	12/1/2021	\$	4,100	
	11/15/2021	\$	575	
	10/18/2021	\$	1,280	
	8/16/2021	\$	2,560	
	7/19/2021	\$	1,850	
	6/7/2021	\$	3,000	
	TOTAL	9	20,230	

17. Section 554(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides: "on request of a party in interest and after notice and a hearing, the court may order the trustee to abandon any property of the estate that is burdensome to the estate or that is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate." The Property is burdensome to the estate and is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate which creates cause to abandon the Property for several reasons including, but not limited to:

### Inconsequential Value and Benefit

- (a) Since the Movant is a priority creditor with a \$39,212.15 claim and resides in the real property that is a part of the estate, the Movant shouldn't be unjustly forced out of the Property and displaced, in order to, administer the asset that is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate.
- (b) Sufficient funds will not be generated to make a meaningful distribution to creditors. The Debtor's net value of the estate is only \$42,990 or less which is a minimum amount and is clearly an inconsequential value and benefit to the estate. Once the trustee pays any administrative claims first and in full, there will not be a minimal amount, if any, remaining funds to pay the priority claims for taxes and the Movant's domestic support obligations. Unsecured creditors are not expected to receive anything.

- (c) Given that the administrative claims are paid first, the trustee and the professionals will benefit most from the administering of the assets, not the creditors. A trustee shall not administer an estate or an asset in an estate where the proceeds of liquidation will primarily benefit the trustee or the professionals, or unduly delay the resolution of the case. The administration costs for this case will significantly erode or exhaust the Debtor's equity interest in the asset.
- (d) The maximum value of the estate has not been maximized by the trustee. It seems that it will benefit the estate more and be less complicated for the Trustee to seek disgorgement and other fees from Daniels and Taylor law firm for \$20,230 or more instead of the Movant.

### Burdensome

- (e) Due to the active case and motions pending in State Court, time-consuming issues, as well as the remaining affairs within the federal bankruptcy court, the Property is burdensome to the estate. With the commission due to the trustee, \$535 hourly rate fee for the Trustee's attorney, and other costs of sale, it will be less complicated, cheaper, and beneficial for the Property to be abandoned. The longer it takes to close this case. The more money it will cost the bankruptcy court and the estate.
- (f) Per 11 U.S.C. § 704(a)(1), the property of the estate should be collected and reduced to money and the estate closed as expeditiously as is compatible with the best interests of parties in interest. This Chapter 7 bankruptcy case is not moving expeditiously and is affecting the rights and best interest of the Movant and creditors

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(g) Per 11 U.S.C. § 704(a)(4), the financial affairs of the Debtor have not been properly

and thoroughly investigated.

(h) Possession of the property by the bankruptcy court may expose the estate and court to

unnecessary liability. The net proceeds from a sale of the asset will be insufficient to pay

any tax liability generated by the sale or other liabilities. Possession of the property may

expose the estate to a risk of liability which cannot be insured against, and which

outweighs its economic value to the estate.

WHEREFORE, Movant prays that this Court:

1) issue an Order granting the abandonment of said property and/or direct the Chapter 7

Trustee to abandon the real property located at 3679 Seton Hall Way, Decatur, GA which

is the subject of this motion,

2) that the Order is decided and issued prior to the 11/09/2023 court proceeding in State

Court

3) that the Movant be granted all other relief as the Court deems proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2rd day of Woven be 2023.

JENNIFER R. DACRUZ, Pro se

3679 Seton Hall Way

Decatur, GA 30034

(404)513-4368

jenniferdacruz@yahoo.com

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served to the individuals and/or companies below and on the attached mailing matrix with a copy of the foregoing *Emergency Motion to Compel Abandonment* via United States Postal Service mail with adequate postage thereon to:

Glenn J. DaCruz 2108 Woodiron Drive Duluth, GA 30097-7498

Charles Clapp Law Offices of Charles Clapp, LLC 5 Concourse Parkway NE Suite 3000 Atlanta, GA 30328 Case 22-59731-pmb Doc 62 Filed 11/02/23 Entered 11/02/23 17:02:28 Desc Main Document Page 10 of 36

Hays Financial Consulting, LLC Suite 555 2964 Peachtree Road Atlanta, GA 30305

Brian Widener The Albertelli Firm, PC 100 Galleria Parkway Ste 960 Atlanta GA 30339

Laura A. Grifka McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260 Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

Michael Bargar Century Plaza I 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350 Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Office of the U.S. Trustee 362 Richard Russell Building 75 Ted Turner Drive, SW Atlanta, GA 30303

Parties listed on the attached mailing matrix

This and day of November, 2023.

JENNIFER R. DACRUZ, Pro se

3679 Seton Hall Way Decatur, GA 30034

(404)513-4368

jenniferdacruz@yahoo.com



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### ASSIGNMENT OF SECURITY DEED

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., WHOSE ADDRESS IS 4909 SAVARESE CIRCLE, TAMPA, FL 33634, (ASSIGNOR), by these presents does convey, grant, assign, transfer and set over the described Security Deed with all interest secured thereby, all liens and any rights due or to become due thereon to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 1600 SOUTH DOUGLASS RD, ANAHEIM, CA 92806 (949)517-5235, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, (ASSIGNEE).

Said Security Deed is executed by GLENN DACRUZ AND JENNIFER R. DACRUZ to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS and recorded in Deed Book 21725, Page 635 and Instrument # 2009190913 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of DEKALB County, Georgia. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set its hand on 12/19 (MM/DD/YYYY). BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

By: Hlyandre Moreno Alexandra Monegro ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT Mamie D. Gilliam Witness

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me 12 1 9 206 (MM/DD/YYYY), by Alexandra
Monegro, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT authorized to sign on behalf of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.. He/she as identification. is personally known to me or has produced

Notary Public - STATE OF FLORIDA Commission expires: May 22, 2020

ETHEL M. MEADOR Notary Public, State of Florida Commission# FF 994940 My comm. expires May 22, 2020

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	Watercraft, aircraft, motor homes, ATVs and other recreational vehicles, other vehicles, and accessories Examples: Boats, trailers, motors, personal watercraft, fishing vessels, snowmobiles, motorcycle accessories
	■ No
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Pa	art 3: Describe Your Personal and Household Items
D	o you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following items?  Current value of the
	portion you own?
	Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.
6.	Household goods and furnishings
	Examples: Major appliances, furniture, linens, china, kitchenware
	□ No
	Yes. Describe
	Household Goods \$1,500.00
_	
	\$200.00
	Clothing \$300.00
0	<ul> <li>Examples: Televisions and radios; audio, video, stereo, and digital equipment; computers, printers, scanners; music collections; electronic devices including cell phones, cameras, media players, games</li> <li>■ No</li> <li>■ Yes. Describe</li> </ul>
8.	Collectibles of value  Examples: Antiques and figurines; paintings, prints, or other artwork; books, pictures, or other art objects; stamp, coin, or baseball card collections; other collections, memorabilia, collectibles
	■ No □ Yes. Describe
9.	Equipment for sports and hobbies  Examples: Sports, photographic, exercise, and other hobby equipment; bicycles, pool tables, golf clubs, skis; canoes and kayaks; carpentry tools; musical instruments
	■ No
	☐ Yes. Describe
10	<ul> <li>Firearms         <ul> <li>Examples: Pistols, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, and related equipment</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ No</li> <li>□ Yes. Describe</li> </ul>
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13	Non-farm animals  Examples: Dogs, cats, birds, horses
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Official Form 106A/B

☐ Yes.....

■ No

Schedule A/B: Property

23. Annuities (A contract for a periodic payment of money to you, either for life or for a number of years)

Issuer name and description.

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56. Part 2: Total vehicles, line 5

Part 3: Total personal and household items, line 15

\$1,800.00

58. Part 4: Total financial assets, line 36

Part 5: Total business-related property, line 45

60. Part 6: Total farm- and fishing-related property, line 52

61. Part 7: Total other property not listed, line 54

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\$2,240.00

63. Total of all property on Schedule A/B. Add line 55 + line 62

\$125,490.00

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### Form 1

# Individual Estate Property Record and Report **Asset Cases**

**EXHIBIT** 

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Case Name: DACRUZ, GLENN JEFFREY

For Period Ending: 06/30/2023

Trustee Name:

(300320) S. Gregory Hays

Date Filed (f) or Converted (c): 02/09/2023 (c)

§ 341(a) Meeting Date: 03/21/2023

Claims Bar Date: 09/12/2023

	1  Asset Description (Scheduled And Unscheduled (u) Property)	2 Petition/ Unscheduled Values	3 Estimated Net Value (Value Determined By Trustee, Less Liens, Exemptions, and Other Costs)	4 Property Formally Abandoned OA=§554(a) abandon.	5 Sale/Funds Received by the Estate	6 Asset Fully Administered (FA)/ Gross Value of Remaining Assets
Ref. #	One-Half Interest - 3679 Seton Hall Way, Decatur, GA 30034 (Dekalb County)  Exemption adjusted to \$10,760, the maximum allowed amount. Consent order entered approving adjusted amount.	123,250.00	42,990.00		0.00	123,250.00
2	Household Goods	1,500.00	0.00		0.00	FA
3	Clothing	300.00	0.00		0.00	FA
4	Checking - Delta Community Credit Union	440.00	0.00		0.00	FA
5	Claim for Full Disgorgement pursuant to 11 USC §§ 330, 331, and Fed.R.Bankr.P. 9019(a) and 2002(a)(3)	Unknown	0.00		0.00	FA
5	Assets Totals (Excluding unknown values)	\$125,490.00	\$42,990.00		\$0.00	\$123,250.00

#### Major Activities Affecting Case Closing:

4/20/23 - Trustee filed an objection to Debtor's claimed exemptions.

6/13/2023 - Declared as an asset case. Trustee intends to administer excess proceeds from foreclosure of real property.

Initial Projected Date Of Final Report (TFR):

12/31/2025

Current Projected Date Of Final Report (TFR):

12/31/2025

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION



IN RE:

CASE NO. 22-59731-PMB

GLENN JEFFREY DACRUZ,

**CHAPTER 7** 

Debtor.

### TRUSTEE'S APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS

COMES NOW S. Gregory Hays, as Chapter 7 Trustee ("<u>Trustee</u>" or "<u>Applicant</u>") for the bankruptcy estate (the "<u>Bankruptcy Estate</u>") of Glenn Jeffrey DaCruz ("<u>Debtor</u>"), and files *Trustee's Application for Appointment of Attorneys* (the "<u>Application</u>"). In support of the Application, Trustee respectfully shows:

### Introduction

It is Trustee's business judgment that he needs to employ counsel in this matter. In this regard, Trustee requests authority to employ counsel to provide legal services to him regarding: the extent and nature of the Bankruptcy Estate's interest in a certain real Property (defined below); legal issues relating to Trustee's duty to "collect and reduce to money" property of the Bankruptcy Estate, including a potential sale and transfer of the interest in the Property in accordance with applicable principles of Georgia law and the Bankruptcy Code; legal issues relating to a potential dispute as to ownership of the Property, including a possible adversary proceeding relating to the same; legal issues related to a pending motion seeking stay relief as to the Property; and analysis of legal issues regarding claims and prosecution of contested matters regarding claims, if and when directed to take place by Trustee.

### Jurisdiction and Venue

1.

The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409(a).

### **Background Facts and Relief Requested**

### a. General Facts and Available Assets

2.

Debtor initiated the underlying bankruptcy case (the "<u>Case</u>" or "<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>") by filing a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 13 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") on December 1, 2022 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"). The Case has since converted to Chapter 7, and Trustee serves in the role as Chapter 7 trustee.

3.

Upon Debtor filing his voluntary bankruptcy petition, the Bankruptcy Estate was formed, and it includes all his legal or equitable interests in property as of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Case, including the Property, as defined below. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 541(a)(1).

4.

On February 6, 2023, Debtor filed his First Request to Convert from Chapter 13 to Chapter 7 (the "Conversion Request") [Doc. No. 18]. Thereafter, on February 9, 2023, the Court converted the Bankruptcy Case from Chapter 7 to Chapter 13.

5.

Debtor's 11 U.S.C. § 341 Initial Meeting of Creditors (the "<u>341 Meeting</u>") was held on March 21, 2023, and Trustee was thereafter appointed permanent Chapter 7 Trustee.

6.

Contemporaneous with the filing of this Case, Debtor filed his schedules of assets and liabilities (the "Schedules") [Doc. No. 1].

7.

According to Schedule A/B, Debtor stated that he had an ownership interest in 3679 Seton Hall Way, Decatur, Georgia 30034 (the "<u>Property</u>") and that the value of the Property was \$246,500.00.

8.

Trustee believes that the Property has a value of approximately \$251,000.00, and Debtor's non-filing spouse owns a one-half interest in the Property. As a result, Trustee estimates that the Property has an unencumbered, non-exempt value of approximately \$38,000.00, after estimated costs of sale, that will benefit the Bankruptcy Estate.

### b. Employment of Counsel

9.

To administer this Case in a proper, efficient, and economical manner, Trustee requires the services of legal counsel, and he wishes to employ the firm Rountree Leitman Klein & Geer LLC ("RLKG") to act as his attorneys in this case. Indeed, because Trustee is not an attorney, it is imperative that Trustee employ counsel to assist him with the numerous legal tasks that will arise in this matter. See 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) (stating that trustees may employ attorneys "to represent or assist the trustee in carrying out the trustee's duties . . . ." and providing no other basis to employ attorneys); In re Abraham, 163 B.R. 772, 783 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 1994) (stating "trustees are not attorneys (not even when it is an attorney functioning as the trustee).").

10.

The members and associates of RLKG are admitted to practice in this Court, have knowledge and experience in bankruptcy practice, and are well qualified to represent Trustee in this matter. Attached as Exhibit "A" is the Rule 2014 Verification of RLKG.

11.

The current hourly billing rates of attorneys (as reduced) and paralegals who may render services in the Case follow:

Attorney:	Standard Hourly Rate:
William A. Rountree	\$595.00
Will B. Geer	\$595.00
Michael J. Bargar	\$535.00 <sup>1</sup>
Hal Leitman	\$495.00
David S. Klein	\$495.00
Alexandra Dishun	\$425.00
Ceci Christy	\$425.00
Elizabeth Childers	\$395.00
Caitlyn Powers	\$325.00

Paralegals:	Standard Hourly Rate:
Elizabeth A. Miller	\$250.00
Sharon M. Wenger	\$225.00
Megan Winokur	\$175.00
Lisa Lawson	\$175.00
Catherine Smith	\$150.00

Depending on need for particular experience or the exigencies of the Case, other attorneys may also provide services. The above rates may be increased during the term of the proposed employment or if so awarded by the Court. *See, e.g., Norman v. Housing Authority of City of Montgomery*, 836 F.2d 1292, 1302 (11th Cir. 1988) (stating, "[i]n this circuit, where there is a

In the exercise of its billing judgment, RLKG has voluntarily reduced Mr. Bargar's hourly rate from \$535.00 to \$500.00 per hour. Depending on the complexities that arise in this matter, it reserves the right to request his actual hourly rate.

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delay the court should take into account the time value of money and the effects of inflation and generally award compensation at current rates rather than at historic rates.").

12.

Specifically, Trustee requests authority to employ counsel to provide legal services to him regarding: the extent and nature of the Bankruptcy Estate's interest in the Property; legal issues relating to Trustee's duty to "collect and reduce to money" property of the Bankruptcy Estate, including a potential sale and transfer of the interest in the Property in accordance with applicable principles of Georgia law and the Bankruptcy Code; legal issues relating to a potential dispute as to ownership of the Property, including a possible adversary proceeding relating to the same; legal issues related to a pending motion seeking stay relief as to the Property; and analysis of legal issues regarding claims and prosecution of contested matters regarding claims, if and when directed to take place by Trustee.

13.

The professional services, for which it is necessary that an attorney act, may also include:

- (a) Preparation of pleadings and motions and conducting of examinations incidental to the administration of the Bankruptcy Estate;
- (b) Legal services incidental to preservation and disposition of assets;
- (c) Investigation, analysis, and appropriate legal action, if required, relative to any preference, fraudulent transfer, unperfected security interest, improper disposal of assets, prosecution of the Bankruptcy Estate's claims, or pending litigation;
- (d) Any and all other necessary legal actions incident to the proper preservation and administration of the Bankruptcy Estate.

14.

Based on all of the above, it is Trustee's business judgment that he should employ RLKG to assist him in this matter. *See e.g., McConnell*, 2021 WL 203331, at \* 15 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. January 4, 2021) (Bonapfel, J.) (stating "trustees exercise discretion in the administration of estates, and bankruptcy courts properly defer to their business judgment in determining how to perform their duties."). The issue in this regard is whether a trustee "acts with requisite care, disinterestedness, and good faith in the effort to maximize value—rather than whether this or any other court would necessarily make the same business decision, on the one hand, or seek to maximize value in a different way, on the other." *In re Global Crossing, Ltd.*, 295 B.R. 726, 744 at FN 58, (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2003). In addition to the necessary legal tasks that will arise in this matter (as discussed in detail above), there are other very good business reasons that justify Trustee's employing counsel, including the fact that RLKG carries E&O coverage that will insulate the Bankruptcy Estate against claims for damage in the event something unfortunately goes awry in this matter.

15.

To the best of Trustee's knowledge, said firm's acting as attorneys in this Case will be in the best interest of the Bankruptcy Estate, Debtor, creditors, and all other parties in interest. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, and except as otherwise disclosed herein and in the Bankruptcy Rule 2014 Verification of Michael J. Bargar, the firm has no connection with Debtor, his creditors, any party in interest in this case, their attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee. Said firm does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, does not represent any creditor or other known interested party, and is a disinterested person under 11 U.S.C. § 327(a), as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(14). Disclosure is made, however, that Michael J. Bargar, a partner of

the firm, has been appointed by the United States Trustee for Region 21 to act as panel trustee in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. As a result, employees of RLKG regularly communicate with employees of the Office of the United States Trustee. Disclosure is also made that RLKG represents Trustee in other unrelated matters as special or general counsel.

16.

To expedite the marshalling and protecting of the Bankruptcy Estate's assets, RLKG has already performed certain legal services for the Bankruptcy Estate or plans to perform such services, which may be rendered prior to the signing of any order resulting from this Application.

17.

Trustee proposes that RLKG be compensated for its services in accordance with future orders of the Court based upon the criteria for professional compensation required by bankruptcy law. No compensation will be paid by Trustee to said law firm except upon application to and approval by the Court after notice and hearing as required by law.

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WHEREFORE, Trustee prays that Trustee be authorized to employ RLKG as his attorney in this Case and that the Court grant such other and further relief deemed just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this

day of April, 2023

S. Gregory Hays Chapter 7 Trustee

Hays Financial Consulting, LLC 2964 Peachtree Rd, NW, Suite 555 Atlanta, GA 30305 (404) 926-0060

Proposed Attorneys for Trustee:

ROUNTREE LEITMAN KLEIN & GEER, LLC

By:

Michael J. Bargar Georgia Bar No. 645709 mbargar@rlkglaw.com

Century Plaza I 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350 Atlanta, Georgia 30329 404-410-1220 WHEREFORE, Trustee prays that Trustee be authorized to employ RLKG as his attorney in this Case and that the Court grant such other and further relief deemed just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of April, 2023.

S. Gregory Hays Chapter 7 Trustee

Hays Financial Consulting, LLC 2964 Peachtree Rd, NW, Suite 555 Atlanta, GA 30305 (404) 926-0060

Proposed Attorneys for Trustee:

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### EXHIBIT "A"

# RULE 2014 VERIFICATION WITH REGARD TO EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS

The undersigned hereby declares under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am a partner with the law firm of Rountree Leitman Klein & Geer, LLC, with offices at Century Plaza I, 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329 (the "<u>Firm</u>" or "<u>RLKG</u>").
- 2. S. Gregory Hays, as Chapter 7 Trustee ("<u>Trustee</u>") in the bankruptcy case of Glenn Jeffrey DaCruz (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), has asked the Firm to represent him as Trustee in this case.
- 3. To the best of my knowledge, the Firm has no connection with the Debtor, his creditors, any party in interest in this case, their attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee. Said Firm does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, does not represent any creditor or other known interested party, and is a disinterested person under 11 U.S.C. § 327(a), as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(14). Disclosure is made, however, that Michael J. Bargar, a partner of the firm, has been appointed by the United States Trustee for Region 21 to act as a panel trustee in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. As a result, employees of RLKG regularly communicate with employees of the Office of the United States Trustee. In addition, RLKG represents S. Gregory Hays, in his capacity as trustee in unrelated matters.
- 4. The Firm will not expect nor receive any compensation from the estate except upon application to and approval by the Bankruptcy Court after notice and hearing.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2023.

By: <u>/s/ Michael J. Bargar</u> Michael J. Bargar Georgia Bar No. 645709

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day electronically filed the foregoing *Trustee's Application for Appointment of Attorneys* using the Bankruptcy Court's Electronic Case Filing program, which sends a notice of this document and an accompanying link to this document to the following parties who have appeared in this case under the Bankruptcy Court's Electronic Case Filing program:

Charles M. Clapp <u>charles@lawcmc.com</u> <u>ecf@lawcmc.com</u> R47480@notify.bestcase.com

Laura A. Grifka

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Office of the United States Trustee <a href="mailto:ustpregion21.at.ecf@usdoj.gov">ustpregion21.at.ecf@usdoj.gov</a>

Brian Widener bwidener@albertellilaw.com

This is to further certify that I have this day served the *Trustee's Application for Appointment of Attorneys* by first class, United States mail, with postage prepaid fully thereon, to the following parties:

Glenn Jeffrey Dacruz 2108 Woodrion Drive Duluth, GA 30097

This 15th day of April, 2023.

/<u>s/ Michael J. Bargar</u> Michael J. Bargar Georgia Bar No. 645709

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Fill in this information to identify the case:	FILED
Debtor 1 Glenn Dacruz  Debtor 2	U.S. Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Georgia
(Spouse, if filing)	9/12/2023
United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Georgia Case number: 22-59731	EXHIBIT Allen, Clerk
Official Form 410 Proof of Claim	Saloda 2004/22

Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

#### Part 1: Identify the Claim 1.Who is the current Jennifer R. DaCruz creditor? Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim) Other names the creditor used with the debtor 2.Has this claim been V No acquired from Yes. From whom? someone else? Where should notices to the creditor be sent? Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if 3.Where should notices different) and payments to the creditor be sent? Jennifer R. DaCruz Name Name Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g) 3679 Seton Hall Way Decatur, GA 30034 4045134368 Contact phone Contact phone Contact email Contact email jenniferdacruz@yahoo.com Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you use one): 4.Does this claim amend No one already filed? V Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) Filed on 02/09/2023 MM / DD / YYYY V 5.Do you know if anyone No else has filed a proof Yes. Who made the earlier filing? of claim for this claim?

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Official Form 410

Proof of Claim

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12.Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?	□ No ☑ Yes. Check all that apply:	Amount entitled to priority
A claim may be partly priority and partly	Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	\$ 39212.15
nonpriority. For example in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.	Up to \$3,350* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).	\$
	☐ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$15,150*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).	\$
	☐ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).	\$
	☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).	\$
	☐ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(_) that applies	\$
	* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/25 and every 3 years after that for case of adjustment.	es begun on or after the date
Part 3: Sign Below		
The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).  If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.  A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both.  18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157 and 3571.	Check the appropriate box:  ☑ I am the creditor.  ☐ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.  ☐ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rul  ☐ I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rul  ☐ understand that an authorized signature on this Proof of Claim serves as an acknowledge the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received tow  ☐ have examined the information in this Proof of Claim and have a reasonable belief that the and correct.  ☐ declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  Executed on date  ☐ 9/12/2023  ☐ MM / DD / YYYYY   /s/ Jennifer R. DaCruz  Signature	e 3005. ment that when calculating ard the debt.
	Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:	
	Name Jennifer R. DaCruz	
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	Number Street Decatur, GA 30034	
	City State ZIP Code  Contact phone 4045134368 Email jenniferdacruz@	gyahoo.com

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION



IN RE:	)	CHAPTER 7
GLENN JEFFREY DACRUZ Debtor.	)	22-59731-pmb
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK SUCCESSOR INDENTURE TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHAL OF THE NOTEHOLDERS OF THE CWHEQ INC., CWHEQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-H Movant,  v. GLENN JEFFREY DACRUZ, S. GREGORY HAYS, Trustee Respondents.	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	CONTESTED MATTER

# AMENDED NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL AMENDED MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY [DE#25]

Comes now, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK SUCCESSOR INDENTURE TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE NOTEHOLDERS OF THE CWHEQ INC., CWHEQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-H., by and through its undersigned counsel and withdraws its Amended Motion for Relief from Stay [DE#15] filed on March 10, 2023.

/s/Brian K. Widener Brian K. Widener The Albertelli Firm, PC

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 16th Day of August, 2023, I served a copy of the foregoing upon:

### SERVICE LIST

Glenn Jeffrey Dacruz 2108 Woodrion Drive Duluth, GA 30097

Charles M. Clapp Law Offices of Charles Clapp, LLC 5 Concourse Parkway NE Suite 3000 Atlanta, GA 30328

S. Gregory Hays Hays Financial Consulting, LLC Suite 555 2964 Peachtree Road Atlanta, GA 30305

Office of the United States Trustee 362 Richard Russell Building 75 Ted Turner Drive, SW Atlanta, GA 30303

/s/Brian K. Widener

Brian K. Widener The Albertelli Firm, PC 100 Galleria Parkway Ste 960 Atlanta GA 30339 GA Bar Number 757327 Correspondence: bwidener@albertellilaw.com

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#### RE: Important

From: Courtney Perez (cperez@albertellilaw.com)

To: jenniferdacruz@yahoo.com; bwidener@albertellilaw.com

Cc: anthony.mancuso@bnymellon.com

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 02:35 PM EDT



#### Hello,

We will be withdrawing our MFR. Per our client, you will need to contact customer service, but customer service is unable to agree to anything while the loan is in BK status, and they a unable to enter into agreed orders in Chapter 7s. Once the loan is out of BK, you can try to work out something with the collections team.

They will not enter into a reaffirmation agreement as the loan is delinquent.



#### Courtney Perez | Assistant Vice President - Bankruptcy Operations

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From: Jennifer DaCruz <jenniferdacruz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2023 1:29 PM
To: Brian Widener <br/>
Co: anthony.mancuso@bnymellon.com; Courtney Perez <cperez@albertellilaw.com>
Subject: Re: Important

### IMPORTANT: THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL.

Please validate the sender, all recipients, and content before taking any action, including replying, opening attachments, or clicking links.

Good afternoon Mr. Widener,

Will you please follow up with your client about my request? I would like to have their feedback by 08/14/2023. I have been waiting since June 2023 for us to discuss how to resolve the on this account so that I can retain my home and you can get paid. The debtor has noted reaffirmation as well.

The automatic stay has been placed on the property again.

Sincerely,

Jennifer DaCruz

On Monday, August 7, 2023 at 05:04:06 PM EDT, Brian Widener < bwidener@albertellilaw.com > wrote:

Hello Ms. DaCruz. I am sorry but I don't have any information from my client.

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From: Jennifer DaCruz <<u>jenniferdacruz@yahoo.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 4:23 PM
To: Brian Widener <<u>bwidener@albertellilaw.com</u>>

Subject: Important

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Good afternoon Mr. Widener,

RE: Chapter 7 Case # 22-59731-pmb

I am the co-owner of the property at 3679 Seton Hall Way, Decatur, GA 30034. The property is listed under Glenn DaCruz's Chapter 7 bankruptcy case. I currently reside in the property son. I do not want to surrender or lose the property. Glenn DaCruz does not reside at the property and hasn't since June 2020. If Glenn DaCruz will not pay your client, I am willing to w you instead to retain the property. I have mentioned this to Mr. DaCruz and the trustee.

I would like to discuss the property with you more. When is a good time and day for us to talk?

Sincerely,

Jennifer DaCruz

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**EXHIBIT** 

# **Claims Summary**

# 22-59731-pmb Glenn Jeffrey Dacruz Converted 02/09/2023

Type: bk

Chapter: 7

Office: 1 (Atlanta)

Assets: y

Judge: pmb

Date Filed: 12/01/2022

Last Date to File Claims:

Last Date to File (Govt):

Trustee: S. Gregory Hays

Claim #			Amount claimed *	Date filed	Creditor number	Creditor name
	1	View	\$1227.68	12/08/2022	24083804	GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
2	2	View	\$5382.13	12/09/2022	24084701	Associated Credit Union
3	3	View	\$756.97	12/12/2022	24087511	Quantum3 Group LLC as agent for
	4	<b>View</b>	\$21742.08	12/23/2022	24074492	Internal Revenue Service
5	5	View	\$28708.49	01/18/2023	24125287	THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK
(	6	View	\$109576.39	01/19/2023	24127840	Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
7	7	View	\$732.20	02/01/2023	24143666	EMORY HEALTHCARE
8	8	View	\$221.73	02/09/2023	24154987	Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC
9	9-2	View	\$39212.15	09/12/2023	24160139	Jennifer R. DaCruz

### Total Number of Claims: 9

Total Amount Claimed *	\$207559.82
Total Amount Allowed *	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes general unsecured claims

The values are reflective of the data entered. Always refer to claim documents for actual amounts.

	Claimed	Allowed
Secured	\$138284.88	
Priority	\$61133.75	
Administrative	Total Control	